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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Richard C. Boucher, Jr.
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Examiner: S. Wang
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For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF AIRWAY DISEASES
AND FOR THE DELIVERY OF AIRWAY DRUGS

Date: July 26, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE COMMUNICATION MAILED JULY 17, 2001**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office communication dated July 17, 2001, please reconsider the above-captioned application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please delete Claim 1-21 and Claim 30 as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Please add the following new claims:

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31. The method according to Claim 22, wherein the osmotically active compound is an ionic osmolyte.
 32. The method according to Claim 31, wherein the ionic osmolyte is a salt.
 33. The method according to Claim 22, wherein the osmotically active compound is a non-ionic osmolyte.
 34. The method according to Claim 33, wherein the non-ionic osmolyte is a sugar.
 35. The method according to Claim 33, wherein the non-ionic osmolyte is a sugar alcohol.